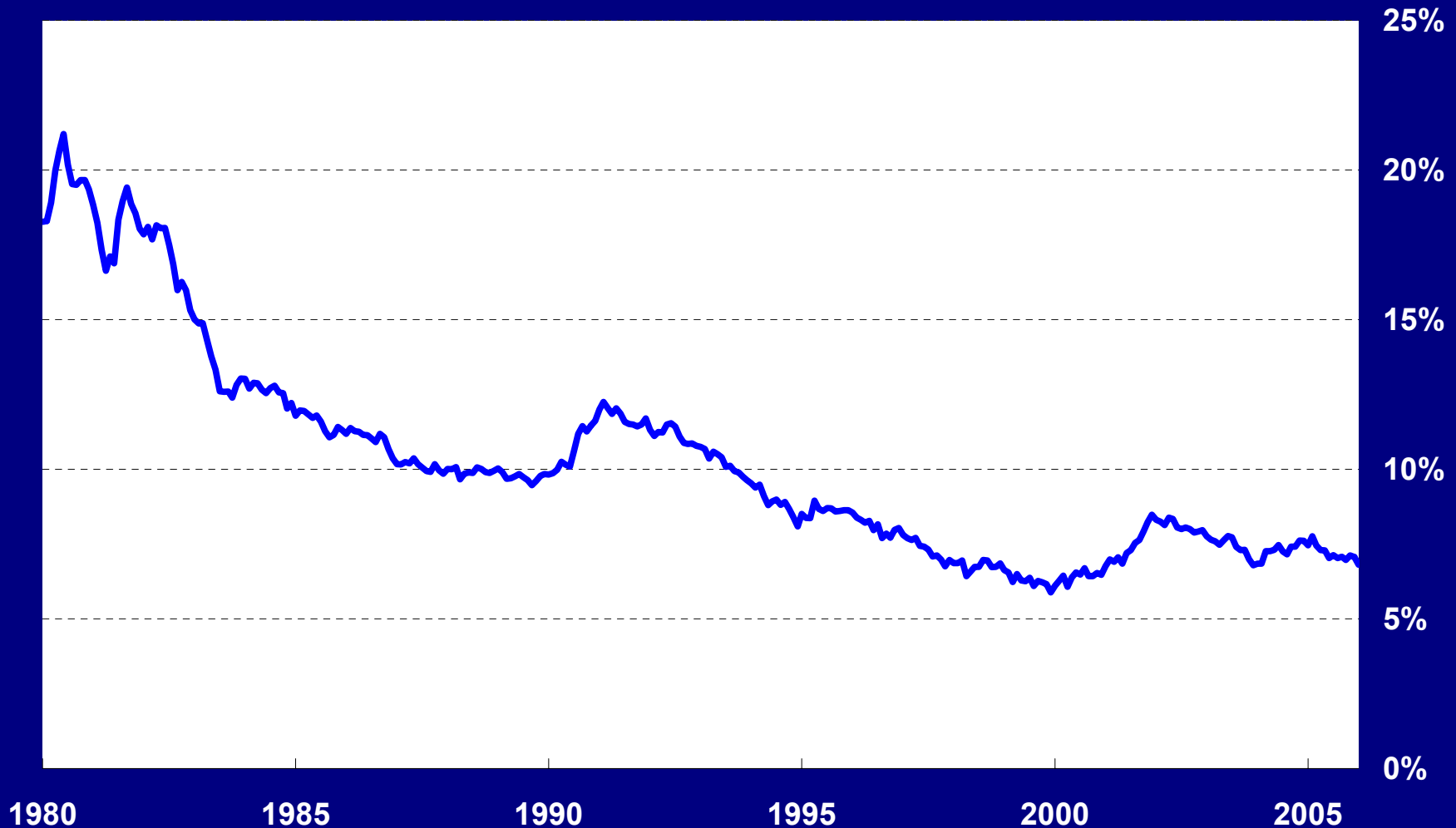


# Misery Index Low by Historical Standards

(Core inflation plus civilian unemployment rate, SA)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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